

Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs
The Power of the Patter: Controlling Our Speech

Heavenly Father,

We come before you acknowledging my need for your help in taming my tongue.

We confess that our words can often be hurtful, careless, and lacking in love.

We recognize that life and death are in the power of the tongue, and we long to use my words to build up, encourage, and bless others, reflecting your love and grace.

We ask for your forgiveness for the times I have failed in this area.

I pray that you would fill my heart with your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Help me to be quick to listen and slow to speak to consider my words carefully before they leave my lips.

Teach me to speak the truth in love, to offer words of comfort and encouragement, and to be a source of blessing in the lives of others.

I know that I cannot do this on my own strength.

I rely on your Holy Spirit to empower me to guide my thoughts and words, and to transform my character from the inside out.

May my life be a testament to your grace and power.

Thank you for your patience and forgiveness.

in Jesus' name. Amen

“Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth comes praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both freshwater and saltwater flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”-James 3:1-12

The tongue is difficult to control. The tongue plays a role in both speech and eating, making it susceptible to both conscious and subconscious influences. The tongue is crucial for both speaking and eating. This dual function means it's constantly involved in actions that require both conscious and unconscious control. Some people are naturally better at controlling their tongues than others. Strong

emotions like anger or hurt can make it harder to control what you say, leading to impulsive or regrettable language. That's why in my previous sermons in Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, Atlanta and Houston I preached to members and visitors on recruiting our twelve disciples like Jesus did. It will help us control our tongue and stay away from people that use a lot of profanity and disrespectful language towards people trying to be judgemental to other people. This comes from a lot of people under 30 years of age in the black community because men and women under 30 years of age are all about idolatry and sin. My mother's side of the family cannot control their tongue when they continue to gossip about people. Today, we live in a shallow society with people continuously being insulting and do not respect their elders, taunts, name calling. This leads to depression and people that continue to do this will burn in the lake of fire Lucifer did. That's why my stepfather will burn in the lake of fire in hell for all the profanity he used in the household while my sister and I were children. That's why my sister and I did not grow up in a disciplined household. I explained that in my mandatory testimony that I had to do on commencement in October 2023 at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. Many residents in Detroit say in public that no one has the right to judge people. I say that the workplace is a toxic environment because the workplace is shallow as well.

1. Harsh words can leave emotional scars that are hard to heal. I see homeless men and women doing this a lot on the streets of NYC by saying stuff to people that they do not know on the streets. I believe those people in every city are crazy and have mental health and anger issues.
2. Gossip can damage reputations, erode trust, and cause conflict.
3. Spreading gossip and rumors can lead to anxiety, depression, and social isolation. People believe during my services since 2014 that I am spreading depression and anxiety among the LGBTQ community that I call the basket of sinful deplorables. I oppose transgender athletes playing in men's sports. I strongly oppose pride month.
4. Negative self-talk can harm mental and emotional well-being.

James was talking about the power of the tongue in James 3:1-12 when he was addressing the Jewish Christians. James talked about the taming tongue during the Jerusalem Council. It was at the time before the Jerusalem Council was formed. It was called the Jerusalem Council because James talked about the taming tongue to Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. James was the leader of the Jerusalem church. I am happy to be pro-Israel because it is so much history about Israel in the bible. I was happy that Donald Trump moved the US Embassy to Jerusalem in his first term as President. I do not like the current leader of Israel because he is a bad leader that has been providing war crimes attacking Hamas and killing civilians in Israel and Palestine. I do not support how Barack Obama handled the leader of Egypt during his Presidency to cause the leader to be overthrown and elect a muslim leader to run the country. Egypt is supported by the Holy land according to the bible with Moses and Israelites. I did not see Barack Obama as a Christian after handling that situation with the country in his Presidency. The passage warns that uncontrolled speech can lead to conflict and strife, while controlled speech can promote peace and wisdom. The passage connects the tongue to the heart. James warns against using the tongue to speak both blessings to God and curses upon others. [James 3:1-12 focuses on the power and potential dangers of the tongue related to the fruit of the spirit.](#) The ability to control your speech and speak words that

are kind, truthful, and helpful. A gentle and controlled tongue is more likely to produce good results. Words spoken in love, reflecting the fruit of love.

1. Self-control
2. Gentleless
3. Love
4. Joy
5. Peace
6. Patience
7. Kindness
8. Goodness
9. Faithfulness
10. Gentleness

My hearts and prayers go out to Texas for the flooding disaster that has killed some residents and displaced other residents from their homes. We like to help the people that lost everything in Texas and like to raise money for the Benevolence Ministry to donate to people in Texas. You can donate at <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=1fa7594b-a225-4a39-85e6-c8e3dc372c39>. As a person that used to live in Texas in 2023, the people in Texas that were displaced and died from the flooding with a state and national day of prayer.